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Assistant Director, Operations

27 June 1955

Assistant Director, Research and Reports

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Evaluation of [] Information from []

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1. Pursuant to an oral request from [] of your office, [] were asked to evaluate the information intercepted by the FBIS Station [] in terms of branch needs and interests. Almost without exception, the branches reported that discontinuance of the operations of the station would have an adverse effect upon many of their activities and programs. Such action would reduce materially the availability of timely and high-quality information on the important areas covered []

2. This station furnishes a preponderance of the information received on the areas within its coverage. Its activities are invaluable as a means of filling in gaps, or checking and confirming information from other sources.

3. The ORR survey revealed that this station furnishes detailed and vital information on []

/s/ OTTO E. GUINE

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CIA Senior Liaison Officer

27 June 1955

Chief, Publications Division, NSA

Usefulness of [] Information Intercepted by the []

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1. Information derived from broadcasts intercepted by the [] is valuable because it pertains to areas of the [] which are not covered by any other [] station.

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2. Information on the following subjects is particularly valuable:

/s/ []
Lieutenant Colonel, USAF
Chief, Publications Division

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TO : Chief, NSA Division, SpINT, OCI

28 June 1955

FROM: Chief, NSA Liaison Division, SpINT, OCI

Forwarded pursuant to the verbal request from []

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/s/ []

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TO :
ATTENTION: 25X1A9A
SUBJECT : 25X1A7B

Reference: Your telephonic request regarding possible
closing of the

As you no doubt are aware, the USSR is devoting considerable resources to development of the eastern part of the USSR. This economic development is being accompanied by regional political development. Biographic information from this area is also important in following middle level or below top-level leaders who move in and out of favor as currents in Moscow change.

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/s/
Chief, CIA Liaison Branch
Division of Acquisition and Distribution

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MEMORANDUM FOR [] 25X1A9A

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The [] material for the period 1 through 14 March 1955 has been reviewed. We find that about 20 per cent of the individual items are of value to us, and that some of them are of considerable value.

25X1A2G This material is of particular interest because no newspaper subscriptions are available in this area. These items, however, yield current information. In those cases where the installation is well known, as through [] sources, we are particularly interested, as the news tends to keep us up to date. Occasionally also, information is given on new construction.

Occasionally, items on matters which are not of strategic interest are valuable for special reasons, as in the case of an item in this set which announces the area to be covered by the lake which will develop behind the Ob River dam. This information is useful for predicting radar return.

25X1A7B For targeting purposes, the Air Force is very interested in continuing to receive all items of current information on the USSR. Continued receipt of [] material on the Far East is particularly desired in view of the absence of other open source information on this area, and also in view of the inherent value of some of the information. The Air Force will benefit by the continued operation of the []

WALTER H. ELLIS, Jr.
Chief, Requirements Unit
AFOSIN-3A

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Chief, [] FOIAB3B1

27 June 1955

ATTN: [] 25X1A9A

Chief, Requirements Branch, OCI

Discontinuance of [] 25X1A7B

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25X1A7B 1. Reference is made to your request for OCI comments on the above subject. [] material originating from the [] 25X1A7B [] is of great value to intelligence reporting within OCI. Since there is no regional press coverage in the area reported on 25X1A7B by this [] discontinuance of this service would leave a gap in the information on the area. A large part of the [] material received from the [] is unique and highly desirable. FOIAB3B1

25X1A7B 2. It is felt, therefore, that facilities for the continuance of this [] should be provided.

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Chief, []/00

24 June 1955

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Chief, IR/00D

Evaluation of [] 25X1A7B

25X1A7B 1. In response to the request for an evaluation of data obtained by your [] an examination has been made of the value of this information to the Register.

2. The Register considers the coverage you are providing in this area of outstanding significance in view of the meager data obtained from other sources. It is felt that the discontinuance of this service would dry-up a source of valuable data which this office is incorporating daily into its files and making available to the entire intelligence community.

3. Some instances of the manner and use of the material by the Register are set out in the accompanying Memorandum for Record, prepared by the Chief of our Support Branch, dated 23 June 1955.

/s/ []

Encl: a/s

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MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD:

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1. This morning Mr. [] of []/OO, requested a quick estimate of the value of data from the [] (The [] provides the only coverage for certain areas in the Asiatic USSR)

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2. Mr. [] 25X1A9A requested that a memorandum be forwarded to his office confirming our estimate as to the value of data from this [] based upon a review of the file conducted by Messrs. []

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3. Mr. [] 25X1A9A is reviewing the use made of [] data by all recipients in the Agency. 25X1A7B

4. In general it should be stated that the Register depends upon [] and POW reports almost exclusively for its coverage in Far Eastern areas; i.e. Birobidzhan, Blagoveshchensk, Chita, Irkutsk, Ulan Ude, Yuzheno-Sakhalinsk and Ulan Bator. Despite FDB efforts there is no provincial press coverage in these and other far eastern areas. The Register utilizes approximately 95% of the material received from the [] and the intelligence organizations supported by the Register (GRR, OSI, AFOIN, SAC, etc.) value highly the integrated files of the Register on industrial operations in these areas.

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5. Because of the unique filing and indexing systems employed by the Register, coupled with the scantiness of the information on the area in question, each item is of value. The following examples are indicative of the importance of the [] contributions:

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